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## IRRIGATION ORGANIZATIONS

The Irrigation Organizations report is now available, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The survey collected information on organizations that either provide off-farm water for farms or manage groundwater usage on farms. Tables provided in the report show a breakdown of the services the organizations provide, the amount of water they work with and the economic conditions they work under. The final report can be found here:

<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x920gg177>

## U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

In 2019, there were 2,677 organizations directly involved in the management of local water supplies – both groundwater and surface water – for irrigation on farms and ranches.

The two primary functions of organizations are irrigation water delivery and groundwater management. This consisted of 2,543 organizations involved with delivering water directly to farms while 735 organizations were involved with regulating or otherwise influencing groundwater used by farmers for irrigation.

Nationally, organizations delivering off-farm water served, on average, 95 farms covering 7,020 irrigated acres. Organizations involved with groundwater management serviced, on average, 108 farms covering 30,177 irrigated acres and 416 irrigation wells.

Water delivery organizations received 70,088,848 acre-feet of water in 2019. The organizations delivered and/or released 67,315,436 acre-feet of water in 2019. Producers received the majority, with 41,449,038 acre-feet going to farms and ranches.

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